

Team INL upgrades computer room at The Haven Shelter

The Haven Shelter in Idaho Falls received a generous visit from Colvin Jergins, Team INL project director, and several Team INL volunteers in early September. Colvin and his team spent one evening and the next day painting and recarpeting the computer room for The Haven tenants to use.



Team INL volunteer, Nolin Rhodehouse, helps upgrade floors at The Haven Shelter.

Colvin and Nolin Rhodehouse worked with area businesses to obtain the necessary materials. Wall 2 Wall provided a discount on the price of the carpet and Columbia Paint provided five gallons of paint, masking paper and tape at no charge.

In addition, team members donated their own resources to pay the balance owed on the carpet, and to purchase three gallons of carpet glue and a new light fixture.

After obtaining the necessary materials, the team's first project was to tape, spackle and fill in the holes on the walls and remove the existing border of the computer room. After the walls were prepped, Nolin used his airless paint sprayer and applied a fresh coat of paint to brighten up the room. James (Ed) Garza and the team went to work to install the new carpet. The final product - a beautiful, freshly painted and newly carpeted room that the tenants at The Haven will be able to use and enjoy.

Ann Johnson, manager of The Haven Shelter commented, "The clients have come in and told us how clean and homey the room looks now. We have tried very hard not to have an institutional look to the shelter and projects like this help us accomplish that goal. When people are at ease in their surroundings, they are able to relax and concentrate on putting their lives back on track."

The Team INL volunteers who provided their time and effort are: Robin and Colvin Jergins, Nolin Rhodehouse, James (Ed) Garza, Terry and Ed Schuebert, Joan Shackelford and Char Bain-Poirier.

The Bank of Commerce released Robin Jergins, assistant training officer, for one day with full pay as a means of providing community support in concert with Team INL. This project was truly a community effort, led by Team INL.

The Haven is located in Idaho Falls at 2480 S. Yellowstone Highway. It provides temporary shelter to families and individuals in need.

INL would like to thank Colvin Jergins and his generous volunteers who made this Team INL project possible. Their dedication to making a difference in our community is noticed and appreciated by all.

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Team INL volunteers, along with Ann Johnson, manager, Haven Shelter, smile for a photo after completing renovations. Left to right: Ed Garza, Joan Shackelford, Ed Schuebert, Terry Schuebert, Nolin Rhodehouse, Ann Johnson, Char Bain-Poirier, Robin Jergins (Bank of Commerce), and Colvin Jergins (Team INL project director).